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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN CONCERN OVER ETHIOPIA

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1. I FINALLY HAD OPPORTUNITY YESTERDAY DISCUSS WITH FAHMY EGYPTIAN CONCERN OVER ETHIOPIA. RECALLING QUERRY PRESIDENT HAD PUT TO ME AND HE HAD PUT TO CHARGE, I TOLD HIM WE HAD LOOKED CAREFULLY INTO THE POINTS THEY HAD RAISED.

2. I DREW UPON STATE 15006 AND PARAS 2 - 5 REFTTEL TO BRIEF FAHMY ON OUR VIEWS OF CURRENT ETHIOPIAN SITUATION. I MENTIONED RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN 1953 EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT AS TO USE TO WHICH US-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT COULD BE PUT BY ETHIOPIA MILITARY AND EMPHASIZED WE BELIEVE THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED BY EPMG. SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT ETHIOPIANS HAVE PROVIDED ANSAR WITH US WEAPONS. WE UNDERSTOOD EPMG IS PROBABLY ALLOWING LIBYA-SUPPLIED ARMS TO REACH THE ANSAR IN ETHIOPIA.

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3. FAHMY WAS INTERESTED IN OUR EVALUATION AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. HE ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE THE EVALUATION IN WRITING SO THAT A COPY CAN BE SENT TO SADAT, WHO REMAINS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ETHIOPIAN THREAT TO THE SUDAN. THIS GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL FAHMY THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT TO EXPRESS TO THE SUDANESE AND

ETHIOPIAN GOVTS OUR CONCERN OVER THE DETERIORATION IN THEIR RELATIONS AND OUR HOPE THAT BOTH CAN BE MORE CONCILIATORY, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND IN DEALING WITH EACH OTHER'S EXILE COMMUNITIES. I SUGGESTED GOE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO MAKE THESE POINTS TO THE SUDAN.

4. FAHMY TOOK NOTE, BUT WAS INCLINED TO BLAME THE ETHIOPIANS FOR THE DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS. HE OPINED THAT RECENT KILLINGS IN EPMG REPRESENT A VICTORY FOR RADICAL MARXIST ELEMENTS.

5. WE ARE PREPARING PAPER BASED ON APPROPRIATE PARAS OF REFTEL AND STATE 15006 WHICH WE WILL GIVE TO FAHMY FOR SADAT'S PERUSAL. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD DEPT'S LATEST ASSESSMENT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON ETHIOPIAN SCENE.
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